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Andover, Mass. March 31st 1836

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And. through Dr. Gray

My dear Sir

LIBRARY  
NEW YORK  
BOTANICAL  
GARDEN

The Bill providing for the geological survey of the State has passed the assembly and, probably soon become a law.

The Bill contemplates the appointment of 8 Geologists and I have concluded to place my name on the list of candidates. My name has been presented to the Governor and I have just received information that he will make his appointments without first consulting Drs. Torrey and Beck as to the qualifications of the candidates.

You can have but little or no personal knowledge of my qualifications, but I refer you with great pleasure to our friend Dr. Gray for information on that subject—he knows me intimately and has been a fellow-laborer to some extent in mineralogical researches.

Should you be inclined to afford me your aid convinced from his representation that I am qualified to discharge the duty of Geologist with credit, you will confer a very great favor by addressing a line to the Gov. stating your opinion.

If you should ~~not~~ be inclined to aid me it will be important to have it attended to soon, as the Law will probably pass, and the appointments made in a short time. Dr. Gray will, I hope, attain the appointment of Botanist for I know of no one excepting yourself whose knowledge of the Botany of this State is so extensive.

With much consideration  
I remain yours

Dr. C. V.

J. A. Graves

Given by A. M. VAIL from the J. J. Crooke Collection  
APR 4 1837



My Dear Sir:

Harvard. Sept. 14. 1837  
LOVELL  
HERBARIUM  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

I rec<sup>d</sup>. your Letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. July  
Containing the Catalogue of about 100 Plants which you  
wished me to send you — On looking my herbarium  
however I find that I have no duplicates of more than  
30 Species which you have named; of those 30 species  
I have put up a package of all the duplicates in my  
possession in some cases not even reserving a specimen  
many more of them grow in this region & shall be able  
to obtain & send them next season — Many of them I  
have never seen & shall probably not be able to obtain —  
I have delayed sending this package in order to obtain  
more duplicates of such as were not out of flower  
I shall probably send them by some Merchant going  
down after Goods & who will not be able to take  
much trouble as they generally have a multiplicity  
of their own business, you will therefore please to  
forward me your address that they may leave  
them at your dwelling or office — or designate some  
other convenient place of deposit such as a public Hotel  
or the Store of some prominent Merchant —

The Box of organic Remains you mention I sent last  
Spring had not time to accompany the Box with a Letter  
& have not found it convenient since on account of a press  
of professional business — I have not paid any attention  
to the subject of O. Remains except the collection of them

The names of a few I have accidentally picked up from  
other Gentlemen — I wish you would name or procure  
them to be named with the addition of such brief  
Observations as may be useful in the collection of them  
Most of the Specimens were cut out with the chisel by my own  
hands from the shelly surface of the ~~Beacon~~ <sup>Beacon</sup> day Limestone  
Rock on & near the banks of the Black River

N<sup>o</sup>. 1 I suppose to be the common Orthoceras the large one certain is imperfect, whether the small one is or not I am at a loss

N<sup>os</sup>. 2A 2B 2C Are they parts of the Orthoceras?

Is not 2C the Syphonule of the Orthoceras?

N<sup>os</sup>. 3A 3B 3C I have never seen any specimens more perfect than those sent though they must be very imperfect

N<sup>o</sup>. 5A Paris Onida Co. ~~12A~~ I have agreed with a gentleman to send me some very perfect specimens which I can send you next spring if you wish

N<sup>o</sup>. 12A from Madison Co. Suppose it to be the Encrinurus

12B Cherry Valley Otsego Co.

23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. ~~from~~ from Hamilton Madison Co. are they imbedded or moulded in Argillaceous State or a species of Nautilus? <sup>or what</sup>

32. 33. Madison Madison Co.

34 a small Statacites from Watertown Co. which I mentioned in a former Letter

The specimens from Mad. Co. are much more imperfect than some I have seen & indeed one that I have reserved I shall soon obtain more of the perfect ones & can send if you choose

N<sup>o</sup>. 2A I have several specimens much longer than the one I sent - sent that because it just fitted the box I shall cut out one in a few days 4 ft. 6 inches in length have seen others 6 ft. long - can send you longer ones if you wish

N<sup>o</sup>. 4 can procure them perfectly globular from 2 inches in diameter to 2 1/2 ft. shall I send more of them? many of the specimens are so imperfect that it may be impossible to determine the name, where that is the case I wish it to be noted

N<sup>o</sup>. 6A have seen more than 12 inches in diameter would you wish a large specimen?

In one of your Letters you wished me to send some well characterized specimens of Organic Remains to the Lyceum & there such as they are you may keep yourself or present to the Lyceum as you please. If I wish to them to the Lyceum I did not know to whom to direct them should you think them interesting you may send me something in exchange if you please

I sent no specimens of Mineralogy from  
this region & but one small specimen from  
our Cave as in answer to my Letter you  
did not request it. if you wish for any  
Specimens of either please mention it

Lieut. Hopkins when he was here 2 years  
since promised to send me a Box of Min-  
erals from W. Point & I never rec<sup>d</sup> them  
but when he left there he wrote to his friend  
here to inform me that he had partly filled  
a Box for me that he had left it in  
your care that you had agreed to fill  
it & forward it to me - Do you know  
any thing about such a Box or what has  
become of Hopkins?

If you wish your Plants forwarded this fall  
you write to me immediately on the receipt  
of this & mention the place of deposit -  
If there is any thing appertaining to Botany  
or Mineralogy that I can obtain for you  
in this region I shall always be happy  
to oblige you

I wish I could come to N.Y. & spend a  
few days at least with you & view your  
Cabinets of Natural History. Hope I shall  
next summer - will you write soon? -  
don't know whether will find you in N.Y.  
or at W.D. conclude the former shall therefore  
direct it to that place

Yours Respectfully

J. D. C. Saxe

P.S. That small spec<sup>s</sup> of Germanium had  
you had time to examine it? & what is it I wrote  
you that it was native - there were a few others  
I think you did not name as you had not  
time to examine them



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Sept. 14th 1887

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